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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1809

Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein

February 18, 2014

An act to ~~amend Section 122055 of~~ *add Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 121720) to Part 6 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to veterinary public health.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1809, as amended, Maienschein. ~~Dog breeders: records. Dogs: health certificates.~~

Existing law imposes specified requirements on animal owners in order to prevent or control the transmission of zoonotic diseases, such as rabies, and communicable diseases amongst animals. Existing law also provides for the licensing and registration of dogs, as specified.

This bill would require a person seeking to bring a dog into this state, or importing dogs into this state for the purpose of resale or change of ownership, to obtain a health certificate with respect to that dog that has been completed by a licensed veterinarian and is dated within 10 days prior to the date on which the dog is brought into the state. The bill would exempt from that requirement a person who brings a dog into the state for no longer than 7 consecutive days in order to participate in a dog show or exhibition. The bill would require the person to submit the health certificate to the county health department, as specified. The bill would authorize the agency receiving the health certificate to use the information on the health certificate as it deems appropriate, and to charge a fee in a reasonable amount sufficient to cover the costs associated with receiving and processing a health

certificate submitted to the county health department pursuant to these provisions. By imposing a higher level of service on county health agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

~~Existing law, the Polanco-Lockyer Pet Breeder Warranty Act, generally regulates purchases between dog breeders and consumers. The act requires a dog breeder to maintain a written record on, among other things, the health, status, and disposition of each dog for a period of one year after disposition of the dog.~~

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to those record-keeping provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~ yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 121720)*
2 *is added to Part 6 of Division 105 of the Health and Safety Code,*
3 *to read:*

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5 *CHAPTER 1.5. DOG IMPORTATION: HEALTH CERTIFICATES*

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7 121720. (a) (1) *A person seeking to bring a dog into this state*
8 *or importing dogs into this state for the purpose of resale or change*
9 *of ownership shall obtain a health certificate with respect to that*
10 *dog that has been completed by a licensed veterinarian and is*
11 *dated within 10 days prior to the date on which the dog is brought*
12 *into the state.*

13 (2) *Except as provided in subdivision (c), the person described*
14 *in paragraph (1) shall submit the health certificate to the county*
15 *health department. The person may submit the health certificate*
16 *to the county health department by electronic transmission,*
17 *facsimile, or any other method accepted by the receiving agency.*

18 (b) *Completion of a United States Department of Agriculture*
19 *Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Form 7001, known*

1 *as the United States Interstate and International Certificate of*
2 *Health Examination for Small Animals, shall satisfy the*
3 *requirement of subdivision (a). A different form of canine health*
4 *certificate acceptable to the receiving agency shall also satisfy the*
5 *requirement of subdivision (a).*

6 *(c) It shall be the responsibility of persons importing dogs into*
7 *this state for the purpose of resale or change of ownership to send*
8 *the health certificate to the county health department where the*
9 *dog is to be offered for sale or to the county of residence of the*
10 *individual purchasing a dog directly from a source outside of*
11 *California.*

12 *(d) The receiving agency may use the information on the health*
13 *certificate as it deems appropriate.*

14 *121721. This chapter does not apply to a person who brings*
15 *a dog into the state for no longer than seven consecutive days in*
16 *order to participate in a dog show or exhibition.*

17 *121722. The agency that receives a form pursuant to Section*
18 *121720 may charge a fee in a reasonable amount sufficient to*
19 *cover the costs associated with receiving and processing a health*
20 *certificate submitted to the agency pursuant to this chapter.*

21 *SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to*
22 *Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because*
23 *a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service*
24 *charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or*
25 *level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section*
26 *17556 of the Government Code.*

27 ~~SECTION 1. Section 122055 of the Health and Safety Code~~
28 ~~is amended to read:~~

29 ~~122055. A breeder shall maintain a written record on the health,~~
30 ~~status, and disposition of each dog for a period of not less than 12~~
31 ~~months after disposition of the dog. The record shall also include~~
32 ~~all of the information that the breeder is required to disclose~~
33 ~~pursuant to Section 122050.~~